

Protection of Human Subjects – Declaration / Assurance of IRB Approval

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The following research study has been reviewed by the IHHN-IRB:

Using the framework of diagnostic reasoning to teach critical thinking: experience with general surgical trainees in a tertiary teaching hospital in Karachi.

IRB EXPEDITED STATUS: APPROVED

The IHHN-IRB has reviewed the above-referenced study and determined that, as currently described, it was eligible for expedited review and has been approved, as per the following category:

Category 7: Research on individual or group characteristics or behavior (including, but not limited to, research on perception, cognition, motivation, identity, language, communication, cultural beliefs or practices, and social behavior) or research employing survey, interview, oral history, focus group, program evaluation, human factors evaluation, or quality assurance methodologies.

Stamped consent form(s) [if applicable] are attached for your reference.

As principal investigator for a study involving human subjects, you assume certain responsibilities, specifically:

1. You will conduct the study according to the protocol approved by the IRB. As the PI, you will be accountable for your own research and the protection of human subjects. You will ensure, at all times, that you have the appropriate resources and facilities to conduct the study. You will ensure that all research personnel involved in the conduct of the study have been appropriately trained on the protection of human subjects, in addition to the study procedures.
2. Any unanticipated problems involving risks to participants or others will be reported to the IRB in accordance to the IRB policy. Changes in approved research initiated without IRB approval to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to the participant, are to be reported to the IRB.
3. Any changes in your research plan must be submitted to the IRB for review and approval prior to implementation of the change. Proposed changes in approved research cannot be initiated without IRB approval, except when necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to participants.

This letter does not require to be signed by IRB Chair or designee.